

A Meaningless Life – Ecclesiastes 1

I. The Emptiness of Life; Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

1. “Vanity of vanities,” says the _____. (v. 2)
 - a. The word “vanity” here means M ___ N ___ L ___ S.
2. What profit (good, gain) has a man from all his _____? (v. 3)
3. Generations come and go but the _____ abides forever. (v. 4)
4. Jesus said, “What good does it do if a person gains the whole world and loses their _____?” (Matthew 16:26)
5. In describing the circle of life in the natural world, Solomon mentions the ___ U ___, the ___ N ___, and W ___ R. (v. 5-7)
6. “The _____ is not satisfied with _____, nor the _____ filled with _____.” (v. 8)
7. The temptation and desire for _____ are a trap. (1 Timothy 6:6–10)
 - a. The love of _____ is a root of all kinds of evil, and will draw people away from their _____.
8. There is nothing _____ under the sun. (v. 9)
9. People soon forget cultural phenomena, fads, fashion, music, and language of the past and say, “See, this is _____.” (v. 10)
10. For all have _____ and _____ short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

II. The Burden of Wisdom (v. 12-18)

11. Solomon searched out ___ D ___ concerning all that is done under heaven. (v. 13)
 - a. Seeking wisdom is a _____ task.
12. After observing all of life, Solomon determined it was like grasping for the _____. (v. 14)
13. Being very wise can cause much _____ and increasing knowledge comes with an increase of _____. (v. 18)
14. “The _____ of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.” (Proverbs 9:10)
15. According to James 3:14-16, what 3 words describe man’s wisdom?
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
16. Godly wisdom is first _____, then _____, _____, _____ to yield, full of _____ and good fruits, without partiality and without _____. (James 3:17)
17. When asked, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are _____.” (Mark 10:27)